

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 170

By Hakeem

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Chris Ramsey of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Chris Ramsey, an exemplary gentleman who was monumental in empowering youth and addressing health disparities in minority communities across Hamilton County; a warrior for the underserved, he was known and admired for his passion for improving the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, a 1984 graduate of Brainerd High School, Mr. Ramsey attended Austin Peay State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1988; he then obtained a Master of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1990; and

WHEREAS, he discovered his life's work of advocacy for the African-American community during his twenty-four-year career as an employee at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, where he served in various management roles, including director of policy and regulations; after serving as the director for TechTown Chattanooga in 2017 and 2018, Chris Ramsey was inspired to start the Chris Ramsey Agency, where he passionately served his community until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramsey brought his passion to the frontline during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic; he worked untiringly to ensure residents in underserved communities had access to testing and immediate treatment for the virus; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Chris Ramsey served in a variety of local programs focused on mentoring and improving the lives of inner-city youth; he was the first Black chairperson of the Boys & Girls Club of Chattanooga, and he

served as co-chair for the annual Hamilton County Minority Health Fair and the Annual Boys Leadership Summit; and

WHEREAS, an elder of New Covenant Baptist Church, Mr. Ramsey was a devout man of Christian faith who served as the leader of the Altar, Health & Wellness, and Welcome Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Chris Ramsey enjoyed the love and companionship of his dear wife, Lucrecia Evans, and his three children, Bria, Chris Jr., and Evan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and children, he will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by many loved ones and members of the communities he served; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramsey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Chris Ramsey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ramsey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

